

**GWERNAFFIELD AND PANTYWMYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING 9 November 2022 / 9 Tachwedd 2022**

**1.(A) Attendance (B) Apologies**

(A) Cllrs. Ruth Appleton (Vice Chair), Adrian Barsby, Dave Bolton (Chairman) Rob Challinor, Sue Coles, George Tattum, Peter Eaton.

(B) **Apologies:** County Councillors: Adele Davies Cooke, Cllr. Arthur Orme

**In attendance:** County Councillor David Coggins Cogan, David Davies, Independent Members of the Standards Committee and Clerk Kay Roberts.

David Davies was welcomed to the meeting, who is an independent member of the standards committee and will be (along with his colleagues) visiting all Town and Community Councils over a period of 6 months. He noted he will be sharing any code of conduct matters with the monitoring officer.

Cllr. Barsby asked if members can visit the standards committee at County. Mr Davies confirmed yes, attendance at meetings can be made and viewed online.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

A declaration of a personal interest from the clerk in relation to Item 12 Planning Applications. The clerk did not take part in this item and left the meeting for its duration.

**3. To approve the minutes of the meeting on 5 October 2022**

The minutes were proposed by Cllr. Tattum and seconded by Cllr. Barsby and signed by Cllr. Ruth Appleton, Vice Chair as she was acting Chair of the October meeting in the absence of the Chairman.

**4. (A) To receive any matters arising from the minutes**

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The clerk reported on correspondence she had received re. North Wales Wildlife Trust requesting financial assistance for their Woodlands for Water Project. (The original applicant cannot apply as all their work is already grant funded.) All agreed, the clerk to send the community council financial assistance form to them to complete for the community council to consider.

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Cllr. Tattum discussed the correspondence received from Stacey Wynne, Enforcement Officer at Flintshire County Council which was shared with members in between meetings. Also, communications with Gwernaffield says No group. It would appear the applicant removed the hedgerow within the remit of the planning permissions. However, Cllr. Tattum suggested the community council request the support of paperwork which demonstrates the applicants request of an extension to the permission enabling the removal of the hedgerow within the time limit.

**Resolved: The Clerk to raise this matter with Planning Enforcement.**

**5. To receive any Streetscene Matters**

The hedge along Gwernaffield Road which stands outside either side of the junction of Y Waen, in Gwernaffield still requires cutting back.

Cllr. Challinor praised those involved in the production of the Autumn/Winter community council newsletter. However, he said he was disappointed not to see reference to Trail Hill within the section on Road Safety. This was an omission and was fed back to Flintshire County Council Road Safety Unit at the last meeting and reflected in the minutes.

Discussion about the frustrations and limitations of the community council being able to impact on local Road Safety measures. Cllr. Bolton raised the issue of rumble strips, which following the last meeting with Road Safety are not advocated for various reasons. Also, a cost of over £3,500 in addition to further daily amounts for traffic lights if they were permitted to be installed and any ongoing maintenance.

There is a reluctance for signage from County Council due to regulations and changes which will be obsolete when the changes to some 30 mph on certain roads come in from Autumn 2023.

The community council has put their case to County as outlined in the last minutes.

The County Councillor confirmed he had nothing to add to this.

County Councillor noted his concern that a code of conduct complaint may have been made against him from the monitoring officer at Flintshire County Council. The Chairman responded to say he was not aware of this.

Cllr. Barsby said in any event, should any indiscrete conversation with a monitoring officer been relayed to an individual this would be concerning.

A discussion was held, following which a retraction of a comment and an apology from the County Councillor was made and confirmation of ongoing communication with the County Councillor to be made via his Flintshire email going forward, as a communication may have been overseen as a result. It was agreed there had been a miscommunication on both sides.

To avoid further disruption to the meeting the Chairman said he would be continuing with the items/business on the agenda.

The clerk had shared an email from the local milk delivery who was enquiring about slow signs on Gwernaffield Road. The clerk had shared this with the Street Lighting and Road Safety Group and responded to say this is something which County as the Highways Authority would have to consider and if he could provide a little more information, the community council could raise this with them. No, further response to date.

#### **6. To receive an update from the Street Lighting and Road Safety Committee**

The clerk confirmed she had heard from Scottish Power by phone who would be sending a quote to transfer the electricity into the new column on Y Waen.

The usual festive Lights had also been raised with Gareth Edwards, Engineer at Deeco Lighting and a quote for installation and assistance is awaited. Review at the December meeting.

#### **7. To receive an update from the Community Events Committee.**

All agreed that a fantastic effort and hard work had been put into the bumper edition of the newsletter.

Following, contact from a local group who had requested information in the newsletter which on this occasion had not gone into the newsletter. It was agreed that it was time to review the purpose and aims of this community council communication. As its primary function was to inform the community about the work of the community council.

The Annual Scarecrow competition was well received and a lot of positive comments on the village Facebook page, including how much residents of all ages look forward to it. The three winners have been contacted and Cllr. Coles has provided the prize money via the clerk.

The Christmas Meal is the next and final event for 2022 – tickets will be printed and provided via the members of the events group and the Chairman to residents of Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn to senior citizens who will be asked to pay £5.00 toward the meal. A raffle was agreed and requests for donations to the Flintshire foodbank from those attending.

Cllr. Dave Bolton would be liaising with Mr Jason Parry, Manager at Cefn Mawr Quarry, Gwernaffield who has agreed to donate a Christmas tree again to Pantymwyn. The tree is already in situ in Gwernaffield. Cllr. Appleton suggested the disuse of baubles which can fall off and break.

#### **8. To receive any updates from Ward County Councillors.**

Nothing received.

Due to an ongoing family ill health, County Councillor Adele Davies Cooke could not be present.

#### **9. To consider and approve a Christmas Tree and Festive Lighting for Christmas 2022.**

At the Chairman's discretion, this was discussed under street lighting at item 6.

#### **10. To approve the schedule of November Accounts for Payment.**

<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Amount</b>
*SO	K.Roberts	Salary and Home Office Allowance		647.38
Bank Transfer	HMRC	PAYE		161.80
*Direct Debit	Scottish Power	Street Lighting Electricity	49.36	296.17
Bank Transfer	HSBC	Account charge		5.00
Bank Transfer	Kay Roberts - reimbursement	Annual Scarecrow Prizes - 1st, 2nd and 3rd.		£50.00
Bank Transfer	Kay Roberts - reimbursement	Royal British Legion - Blanked Badge Poppy Wreath		£24.99
Bank Transfer	Walls Signs	Banners (scarecrow competition.)	15.2	91.20
Bank Transfer	Clerk reimbursement	Stationery / paper		11.99
Bank Transfer	Cllr. Sue Coles – reimburse Instant Print.	Winter Newsletters x 900		358.81
Bank Transfer	Deeco Lighting	Street Lighting Maintenance - Green Hollow Cilcain Rd.	36	216.00

#### **10a To receive quarter 2 Bank reconciliation 1 July – 30 September 2022 and consider half year expenditure to date.**

The quarter bank reconciliation had been circulated in advance of the meeting which demonstrated total payments in and out and a total balance of £53,805.37 in the current and deposit account.

Half year expenditure to date was considered £13,082.63 as of 30 September 2022.

Potential community and environmental project expenditure was discussed and it was agreed to invite David Shiel, AONB Manager from the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley to a future meeting.

#### **11. Clerk's Update and Correspondence**

An email had been circulated on proposed changes for the air ambulance coverage. Cllr. Barsby asked for the background for this and how it might impact locally. The clerk would aim to make further enquiries and return to a future meeting.

#### **12 (A) Planning Applications and (B) Decisions**

The clerk left the meeting and did not return until the end of the discussion.

Planning Application Reference: 000592/22 Location: Inchcape, Cefn Bychan Road, Pantymwyn, Mold, CH7 5ED. Proposal: Single storey infill extension to ground floor and dormer and internal alterations.

**RESOLVED: Members considered the proposal and there were no objections.**

#### **13. The time and date of the next meeting 7 December November 2022, 7.00pm at Ysgol Y Waun.**

The meeting closed at 20.41pm.